





**LAMMERT BROS.**AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS  
AND SURVEYORS.**Public Auctions.**

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, April 16, 1921,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

22 Bolls each about 100 yards No. 1

Woodberry Cotton Canvas.

22 Bolls each about 100 yards No. 2

Woodberry Cotton Canvas.

8 Bolls each about 100 yards No. 3

Woodberry Cotton Canvas.

20 Bolls "Imperial Crown" Tarpa-

lin each 35 yards x 50" wide.

30 Bolls No. 1 Bleached Canvas each

35 yards x 24" wide.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 12, 1921.

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ENGINE—3½ Horse Power, Fuel,  
Kerosene. Complete with cooling appar-  
atus in good condition. May be viewed by  
appointment at Gun Club Hill Barracks,  
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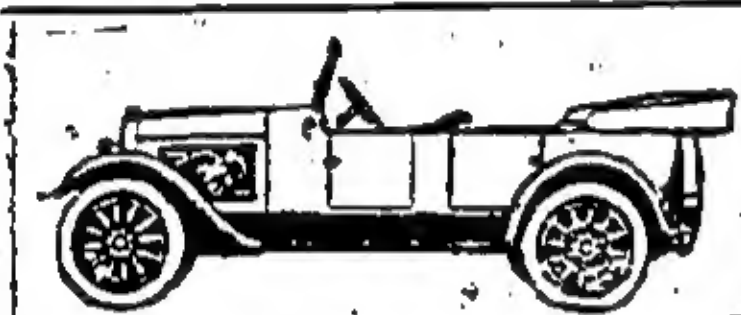
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**FOR SALE****MILNER'S SAFES**

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**FARES FOR PUBLIC  
VEHICLES.****CHAIRS.**

I.—In Victoria, with two Bearers.

Quarter hour..... 10 cents

Half hour..... 20 "

One hour..... 35 "

Three hours..... 70 "

Six hours..... 1.00 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)..... 1.50 "

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,

half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6

a.m. the above fares shall be increased

by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour..... 0.60 cents

Three hours..... 1.50 "

Six hours..... 2.50 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)..... 3.00 "

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour..... \$0.15 \$0.30

Half hour..... 0.30 0.60

One hour..... 0.50 0.80

Two hours..... 0.80 1.20

Three hours..... 1.00 1.50

Six hours..... 1.50 2.00

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)..... 2.00

**RICKSHAS.**

I.—In the Island of Hongkong, engaged

in Victoria.

Ten minutes..... 5 cents

Quarter hour..... 10 "

Half hour..... 15 "

One hour..... 20 "

Every subsequent hour..... 20 "

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged

within the City of Victoria, and be dis-

charged outside the Western part of the

City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-

charged to the East of Bay View Police

Station on the Eastern side of the City

of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half

fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour..... 5 cents

Half hour..... 10 "

Hour..... 20 "

Every subsequent hour..... 10 "

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added

for each extra hour or part

of an hour if the driver causes

the journey to take longer

than—

4th mile..... 75 cents..... 1 hour.

1st mile..... 1.00..... 3 hours.

Beyond 4th to 6th mile.....

single..... 1.50..... 2 hours.

return..... 1.00..... 1 hour.

Beyond 6th to 8th mile.....

single..... 1.75..... 2½ "

return..... 1.25..... 1½ "

Beyond 8th to 11th mile.....

single..... 2.00..... 3 "

return..... 1.50..... 2 "

Beyond 11th to 14th mile.....

single..... 2.50..... 3½ "

return..... 2.00..... 2½ "

Beyond 14th to 17th mile.....

single..... 3.00..... 4 "

return..... 2.50..... 3 "

Beyond 17th to 20th mile.....

single..... 3.50..... 4½ "

return..... 3.00..... 3½ "

Beyond 20th to 23rd mile.....

single..... 4.00..... 5 "

return..... 3.50..... 4 "

Beyond 23rd to 26th mile.....

single..... 4.50..... 5½ "

return..... 4.00..... 4½ "

Beyond 26th to 29th mile.....

single..... 5.00..... 6 "

return..... 4.50..... 5 "

Beyond 29th to 32nd mile.....

single..... 5.50..... 6½ "

return..... 5.00..... 5½ "

Beyond 32nd to 35th mile.....

single..... 6.00..... 7 "

return..... 5.50..... 6 "

Beyond 35th to 38th mile.....

single..... 6.50..... 7½ "

return..... 6.00..... 6½ "

Beyond 38th to 41st mile.....

single..... 7.00..... 8 "

return..... 6.50..... 7 "

Beyond 41st to 44th mile.....

single..... 7.50..... 8½ "

return..... 7.00..... 7½ "

Beyond 44th to 47th mile.....

single..... 8.00..... 9 "

return..... 7.50..... 8 "

Beyond 47th to 50th mile.....

single..... 8.50..... 9½ "

return..... 8.00..... 8½ "

Beyond 50th to 53rd mile.....

single..... 9.00..... 10 "

return..... 8.50..... 9 "

Beyond 53rd to 56th mile.....

single..... 9.50..... 10½ "

return..... 9.00..... 9½ "

Beyond 56th to 59th mile.....

single..... 10.00..... 11 "

return..... 9.50..... 10 "

Beyond 59th to 62nd mile.....

single..... 10.50..... 11½ "

return..... 10.00..... 10½ "

Beyond 62nd to 65th mile.....

single..... 11.00..... 12 "

return..... 10.50..... 11 "

Beyond 65th to 68th mile.....

single..... 11.50..... 12½ "

return..... 11.00..... 11½ "

Beyond 68th to 71st mile.....

single..... 12.00..... 13 "

return..... 11.50..... 12 "

Beyond 71st to 74th mile.....

single..... 12.50..... 13½ "

return..... 12.00..... 12½ "

Beyond 74th to 77th mile.....

single..... 13.00..... 14 "

return..... 12.50..... 13 "

Beyond 77th to 80th mile.....

single..... 13.50..... 14½ "

return..... 13.00..... 13½ "

Beyond 80th to 83rd mile.....

single..... 14.00..... 15 "

return..... 13.50..... 14 "

Beyond 83rd to 86th mile.....

single..... 14.50..... 15½ "

return..... 14.00..... 14½ "

Beyond 86th to 89th mile.....

single..... 15.00..... 16 "

return..... 14.50..... 15 "

Beyond 89th to 92nd mile.....

single..... 15.50..... 16½ "

return..... 15.00..... 15½ "

Beyond 92nd to 95th mile.....

single..... 16.00..... 17 "

return..... 15.50..... 16 "

Beyond 95th to 98th mile.....

single..... 16.50..... 17½ "

return..... 16.00..... 16½ "

Beyond 98th to 101st mile.....

single..... 17.00..... 18 "

return..... 16.50..... 17 "

Beyond 101st to 104th mile.....

single..... 17.50..... 18½ "

return..... 17.00..... 17½ "

Beyond 104th to 107th mile.....

single..... 18.00..... 19 "

return..... 17.50..... 18 "

Beyond 107th to 110th mile.....

single..... 18.50..... 19½ "

return..... 18.00..... 18½ "

Beyond 110th to 113th mile.....

single..... 19.00..... 20 "

return..... 18.50..... 19 "

Beyond 113th to 116th mile.....

single..... 19.50..... 20½ "

return..... 19.00..... 19½ "

Beyond 116th to 119th mile.....

single..... 20.00..... 21 "

return..... 19.50..... 20 "

Beyond 119th to 122th mile.....

single..... 20.50..... 21½ "

return..... 20.00..... 21 "

Beyond 122th to 125th mile.....

single..... 21.00..... 22 "

return..... 20.50..... 21½ "

Beyond 125th to 128th mile.....

single..... 21.50..... 22½ "

return..... 21.00..... 22 "

Beyond 128th to 131th mile.....

single..... 22.00..... 23 "

return..... 21.50..... 22½ "

Beyond 131th to 134th mile.....

single..... 22.50..... 23½ "

return..... 22.00..... 23 "

Beyond 134th to 137th mile.....

single..... 23.00..... 24 "

return..... 22.50..... 23½ "

Beyond 137th to 140th mile.....

single..... 23.50..... 24½ "

return..... 23.00..... 24 "

Beyond 140th to 143th mile.....

single..... 24.00..... 25 "

return..... 23.50..... 24½ "

Beyond 143th to 146th mile.....

single..... 24.50..... 25½ "

return..... 24.00..... 25 "

Beyond 146th to 149th mile.....

single..... 25.00..... 26 "

return..... 24.50..... 25½ "

Beyond 149th to 152th mile.....

single..... 25.50..... 26½ "

return..... 25.00..... 26 "

Beyond 152th to 155th mile.....

single..... 26.00..... 27 "

return..... 25.50..... 26½ "

Beyond 155th to 158th mile.....

single..... 26.50..... 27½ "

return..... 26.00..... 27 "

Beyond 158th to 161th mile.....

single..... 27.00..... 28 "

return..... 26.50..... 27½ "

Beyond 161th to 164th mile.....

single..... 27.50..... 28½ "

return..... 27.00..... 28 "

Beyond 164th to 167th mile.....

single..... 28.00..... 29 "

return..... 27.50..... 28½ "

Beyond 167th to 170th mile.....

single..... 28.50..... 29½ "

return..... 28.00..... 29 "

Beyond 170th to 173th mile.....

single..... 29.00..... 30 "

return..... 28.50..... 29½ "

Beyond 173th to 176th mile.....

single..... 29.50..... 30½ "

return..... 29.00..... 30 "

Beyond 176th to 179th mile.....

single..... 30.00..... 31 "

return..... 29.50..... 30½ "

Beyond 179th to 182th mile.....

single..... 30.50..... 31½ "

return..... 30.00..... 31 "

Beyond 182th to 185th mile.....

single..... 31.00..... 32 "

return..... 30.50..... 31½ "

Beyond 185th to 188th mile.....

single..... 31.50..... 32½ "

return..... 31.00..... 32 "

Beyond 188th to 191th mile.....

single..... 32.00..... 33 "

return..... 31.50..... 32½ "

Beyond 191th to 194th mile.....

single..... 32.50..... 33½ "

return..... 32.00..... 33 "

Beyond 194th to 197th mile.....

single..... 33.00..... 34 "

return..... 32.50..... 33½ "

Beyond 197th to 200th mile.....

single..... 33.50..... 34½ "

return..... 33.00..... 34 "

Beyond 200th to 203th mile.....

single..... 34.00..... 35 "

return..... 33.50..... 34½ "

Beyond 203th to 206th mile.....

single..... 34.50..... 35½ "

return..... 34.00..... 35 "

Beyond 206th to 209th





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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

### THURSDAY,

April 14, 1921, at 12 noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

13 cases quarts, 7 cases pints  
Bordeaux Claret,  
(Grand Centenas).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 13, 1921.

(For Account of the Concerned),

### THURSDAY,

April 14, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A quantity of Valuable Jewellery,  
Comprising:—

Diamond and Pearl, Diamond and Sapphire, Diamond Cluster and Single Stone Rings, Bracelets, Scarf Pins, Pendants, Gold Neck Chains, Wrist Watch Chains, Gold, Jadestone and other Ornaments and various Gold Coins.

Including Half Sovereign Buttons and American \$10 piece.

etc.

etc.

etc.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 8, 1921.

(For Account of the Concerned),

### FRIDAY,

April 15, 1921, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

An Assortment of  
Superior Household Linen, &c.  
comprising:—

Sheeting Pillow Cases, Bed Valances, Table Cloths, Serviettes, Glass and Kitchen Cloths, Bath Sheets and Towels, Huckaback Towels and Ladies' and Gent's Handkerchiefs.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 15, 1921.

(For account of the concerned)

### at an early date

AT GLENILSA No. 9, THE PEAK.  
THE  
Valuable Household Furniture,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
therein contained.

Comprising:—  
Steel Safe, Hallstand, Dining room suite, upholstered sofa and armchair, plate cutlery, Dinner service and glassware.  
Bedroom Suites, wardrobes, mirrors, curtains, kitchen utensils, Pot Plants, &c., &c.

And

Piano by Collard & Collard.

(Full particulars from catalogue)  
On view day before sale.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 7, 1921.

### FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

One full size BILLIARD TABLE by Burroughs & Sons, with all accessories, (good as new).

Full particulars from the undersigned.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 16, 1921.

## MASSAGE.

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14 years' experience.  
No. 24, Wyndham Street,  
(Opposite to the China Mail).

## WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

35 WORDS 3 INSERTIONS.  
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### TO LET.

TO LET.—From 1st April, HOUSE in No. 10, Nathan Road and No. 4, Rose Terrace, Kowloon. Apply to TONG WAH BUILDING AGENT, No. 43, Queen's Road, East.

## INTIMATIONS.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE ROYAL ARTILLERY are holding their Annual Regimental Sports on THURSDAY, April 14, 1921, at the United Services Recreation Club Ground, Kowloon, commencing at 2 p.m. Lieut-Colonel W. Loring, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Officers, Royal Artillery will be AT HOME and hope their friends will accept this as an invitation.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1921.

### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Pavilion of the Club on THURSDAY the 14th of April, 1921, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of submitting the following resolutions:

1.—That the present Hongkong Cricket Club be wound up, and the committee be authorised to take all necessary steps for that purpose.  
2.—That the committee be authorised to register a Company Limited by guarantee not exceeding \$100 per member, on the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association which will be submitted to the meeting.  
3.—That the committee be authorised to assign and hand over to the new Company, when registered, all the assets of the Club.

Should the proposed resolutions be passed at this meeting a subsequent confirmatory meeting will be called. Copies of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association may be seen by members at the Pavilion. By Order of the Committee.  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 7, 1921.

### ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS will be held at Happy Valley on FRIDAY, 15th April, commencing at 1.30 p.m. There will be an OLD BOYS' RACE of 200 yards at about 4 o'clock.  
Hongkong, April 12, 1921.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Re 6 cases Stocks and Dies.

UNLESS the above be cleared within ten days the undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on 18th April, 1921, at 11 a.m. the above to cover the storage.  
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## LOCAL TRAFFIC.

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ON ROUTE 3.  
Junction of Wuhu Street and Taku Street.  
Junction of Chatham Road and Cooke Street.

Junction of Chatham Road and Gascoigne Road.  
Junction of Gascoigne Road and Jordan Road.

Junction of Nathan Road and Public Square Street.  
Junction of Coronation Road and Waterloo Road.

Junction of Coronation Road and Shantung Street.

Junction of Argyle Street and Shanghai Street.

Junction of Peace Avenue and Liberty Avenue.

Junction of Argyle Street and Approach Road to Tsamati Railway Station.

Junction of Laichikok Road and Taipo Road.

Junction of Laichikok Road and Boundary Street.

Junction of Laichikok Road and Kweilin Street.

ON ROUTE 4.  
Junction of Taku Street and Wuhu Street.

Kowloon City Road opposite Kowloon Inland Lot No. 633.

Kowloon City Road opposite Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1150.

Junction of Kowloon City Road and Road to Matakook.

Junction of Kowloon City Road and Road to Mongkoktsui.

Opposite Police Station, Kowloon City.

32. A suitable sign must be provided and fixed by the licensee in positions to be approved by the Director of Public Works at all authorised stopping places.

\*Motor vehicles will stop on request only at authorised stopping places marked by an asterisk.

SERVICE.  
33. The Time Tables shall be as follows:—

ON ROUTE 1.—KOWLOON FERRY TO SHAMSEUPO.

There shall be a ten-minutes service with a minimum of four motor vehicles.

First motor vehicle to start from Kowloon Ferry at 7.00 a.m.

Last motor vehicle to start from Kowloon Ferry at 11.30 p.m.

Every alternate motor vehicle to run via Ho Man Tin.

ON ROUTE 2.—HUNGOM TO KOWLOON FERRY.

There shall be a ten-minutes service with a minimum of three motor vehicles.

First motor vehicle to start from Hungom at 7.00 a.m.

Last motor vehicle to start from Hungom at 11.30 p.m.

ON ROUTE 3.—HUNGOM TO SHAMSEUPO.

There shall be a ten-minutes service with a minimum of four motor vehicles.

First motor vehicle to start from Hungom at 6.35 a.m.

Last motor vehicle to start from Hungom at 12.05 a.m.

Every alternate motor vehicle to run via Ho Man Tin.

ON ROUTE 4.—HUNGOM TO KOWLOON CITY.

There shall be a 30-minutes service with a minimum of one motor vehicle.

First motor vehicle to start from Hungom at 6.15 a.m.

Last motor vehicle to start from Hungom at 12.15 a.m.

34. If it is found necessary to provide an accelerated service on any of the above-mentioned routes during the busy periods of the day, the above-mentioned service on each of the routes shall be subject to amendment at the direction and approval of the Director of Public Works.

FARES AND CHARGES.  
35. The licensee may demand and take for every passenger fares not exceeding the following rates:—

ROUTE 1.—KOWLOON FERRY TO SHAM SHUI PO.  
For whole route 1st Class 15 cents; 2nd Class 6 cents.

For each section or portion of a section 1st Class 5 cents; 2nd Class 2 cents.

ROUTE 2.—HUNGOM TO KOWLOON FERRY.  
For whole route 1st Class 10 cents; 2nd Class 4 cents.

For each section or portion of a section 1st Class 5 cents; 2nd Class 2 cents.

ROUTE 3.—HUNGOM TO SHAM SHUI PO.  
For whole route 1st Class 15 cents; 2nd Class 6 cents.

For each section or portion of a section 1st Class 5 cents; 2nd Class 2 cents.

ROUTE 4.—HUNGOM TO KOWLOON CITY.  
For whole route 1st Class 10 cents; 2nd Class 4 cents.

For each section or portion of a section 1st Class 5 cents; 2nd Class 2 cents.

Nothing in this regulation shall be deemed to limit the right of the licensee to issue season tickets or punch tickets covering a number of journeys.

### REGULATIONS AS TO PASSENGERS, ETC.

36. The purchase of a ticket shall not entitle any passenger to accommodation by a particular motor vehicle or to travel in a superior class to that for which the ticket is issued, even if the class for which the ticket is issued contains its authorised complement.

37. All tickets issued in exchange for payment (with the exception of season tickets) must be handed over to be punched or inspected by the licensee's collector on demand. Season tickets must be produced for inspection on demand.

38. No passenger shall speak to any driver of any of the licensee's motor vehicles while such driver is in charge of such vehicle.

39. No person shall wilfully obstruct any person acting under the authority of the licensee in the lawful discharge of his duties or the lawful exercise of any of the powers conferred by these regulations.

40. No person shall knowingly and wilfully, on arriving at the point to which he has paid his fare by any of the licensee's motor vehicles, refuse or neglect to quit such vehicle.

41. No person shall travel or attempt to travel on any of the licensee's motor vehicles without paying his fare and proper charges, and with intent to avoid such payment.

42. No person shall travel or attempt to travel on any of the licensee's motor vehicles after being requested to leave it by any servant of the licensee.

43. No person shall alight from or attempt to alight from, or enter or attempt to enter, any of the licensee's motor vehicles while in motion or otherwise than by the proper entrances or exits.

44. No intoxicated person or person suffering from infectious or contagious disease shall enter or travel or attempt to enter or travel on any of the licensee's motor vehicles.

45. No person shall bring into any of the licensee's motor vehicles any dangerous or obnoxious goods, or, except in the case of police officers, any loaded firearms.

46. No person shall smoke in any of the licensee's motor vehicles except in such part as may be especially reserved for smoking nor shall any person expectorate, use obscene language or play any musical instrument on such vehicle.

CANCELLATION OF LICENCE.  
47. If in the opinion of the Governor in Council there has been a substantial and continued failure on the part of the licensee to comply with the provisions of any of these regulations, he shall direct the Director of Public Works to serve on the licensee a notice specifying the nature and extent of such failure, and requiring the licensee to reply and show cause in writing, within 14 days from the date of the service of such notice, why his licence should not be cancelled forthwith.

48. If the licensee fails, within 14 days after the service of such notice, to reply and show cause why his licence should not be cancelled, or if the Governor in Council, after considering the licensee's reply, is of the opinion that the licensee has not shown cause why his licence should not be cancelled, the Governor in Council may issue an order cancelling the licence in question, and every such order shall be posted to the licensee at his last known address and published in the Gazette.

49. All the rights and obligations of any licensee whose licence has been cancelled as hereinbefore provided shall cease and determine absolutely as from the date of the order of cancellation, and the security required from and furnished by such licensee shall become forfeited to the Colonial Government as from the same date, provided that the Governor in Council may in his discretion allow any such mitigation or reduction as he may deem fit in the matter of the forfeiture of any security.

ARBITRATION.  
50. Every arbitration under these regulations shall be heard and determined by a Board of Arbitration, which shall in each case consist of three members and be constituted in manner following:—

(i) The Chairman of the Board shall be such Judge as the Judges may mutually arrange.

(ii) The two other members of the Board shall consist of one member to be nominated by the Governor and the other by the licensee, provided always that the member nominated

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The doctor wants each sufferer from Asthma, Hay Fever or Bronchitis in this town, who has not already used his remedy, to call and get one. When asked regarding his reasons for giving his remedy away in this manner, he said: "People are naturally skeptical about an asthma remedy, and when you consider the number of so-called 'cures' on the market, you can hardly blame them. Now I claim that my remedy will instantly relieve the most violent attack, no matter how severe or obstinate the case. If I do not believe it, why should I be giving it away? The sufferer who gets a sample package can tell in two minutes whether it is as I represent it, and it doesn't cost him anything. That is fair, isn't it? It certainly does not look as if anything could be fairer."

Persons residing in other localities, outside of this city, who desire to try this medicine, will be sent a free sample package, per post, providing they send simply their name and full address (no other writing) on a postcard, within the next six days, and address

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Colony defined in his licence is or can be infringed. This regulation shall not affect the right of the Governor in Council to arrange for additional services as provided in Regulation No. 15.

SERVICE OF NOTICES, &c.  
54. Any notice or communication to the licensee from the Governor in Council or the Government or any Government Department shall if posted to the licensee at his last known address be deemed to be duly served.

GENERAL.  
55. Nothing in these regulations shall prohibit the hiring or use of any motor vehicle for any bona fide private purpose.

S. B. B. McCLELLAND,  
Clerk of Councils.





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## DEATH.

GRAY.—At the Government Civil Hospital, on April 12, John Graham, aged 46 years, eldest son of the late R. J. Gray of Brisbane, and grandson of the late Col. C. G. Gray, 44th Regiment. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1921.

## TAXES AND PLAGUE.

What have taxes to do with plague, or plague with taxes? If you address that question to the Government, to the gentlemen responsible for the last new device for raising revenue, we wonder if they would see the connection. If there is, as we think, a real nexus, the Government ought to be the first to see it, and to act always in complete awareness of it. Perhaps this article will make them aware.

Now, we are not going to evolve a relationship as far-fetched as that which Huxley (was it not?) established between the old mounds and the clover crop. It is something more immediate than that, as you will see.

Hongkong, as you vaguely know, is densely populated, more densely than any European city is like to be. Take a four mile strip along the front, a strip less than a quarter mile wide. In that square mile you will find empty tenement flats, long, corridor-like rooms, all divided into cubicles, each cubicle housing from two to half a dozen human beings. If not too late, we would recommend the Government to use the census takers for the purpose

of getting accurate statistics as to this type of home. Meanwhile, we know enough for our purpose. In our typical square mile we probably have over 200,000 people, perhaps 250,000. It doesn't matter so long as you get the idea that the population is huddled together in a remarkable way. They are so huddled because labour wages are low, and rents are high.

Now, as we have already pointed out in a previous reference to the new taxation, when house taxes are increased, rents go higher. The tenant who pays it regards it as rent. It is money that he cannot spend on food, money he is compelled to part with because of his need for shelter. When wages are more or less stable, at one level, and rents go higher, the tenant (of the class whose lot we are considering) has not many alternatives. He must take up less room (huddle closer, by taking in a lodger, or becoming one, or sharing with another) or take less food, or both.

Now the connection between plague and taxes is surely apparent. Less food or poorer food means a lower stamina to resist disease, and greater huddling encourages the epidemic. The Government has been seriously embarrassed in the past by plague epidemics, which have not only increased the work and expenses of its hygiene department, but have hurt trade. Towards the end of last century, some of you will remember, the people who were not dying were fleeing from Hongkong in droves, and we looked like being left in a hole. We do not want a repetition of that, and we think the Government should note the connection we have established, and consider its attitude towards rents. In its tenderest towards landlords it must not forget the claims of industry, the prosperity of which depends upon the well-being of labour. If the Government feels that it can do nothing to lower rents, it should at the least refrain from doing anything calculated to

raise them above their already exorbitant level. Its medical advisers may tell it that they now have plague well in hand. Since 1914 (2146 cases) we have had an average of 170 cases only; but that has meant exertions by the Sanitary Department of a magnitude realized by few people, and certainly unusual in the slummiest of slums at Home. Increase the huddling, as rising rents must, and you will set up conditions with which these experts will be unable to cope. Yet but a little more of this huddling, and not poppy nor mandragora, nor thyme, and bergamot, nor all the stinking washes of sanitary science, can save us from dreadful things—less dramatic than the Race Course fire—but of a fatality even more wholesale. Take warning.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Until further notice, Praya East has been open for motor traffic going both East and West. This is on account of Queen's Road East being reconstructed.

The sloop "Shearwater" has been placed on the disposal list. The reserve boiler gear available at Hongkong is to be disposed of locally to the best advantage.

The police yesterday conducted a search on steamers arriving from the coast and seized 17,000 dutiable cigarettes on the "Sunning" and "Tallies." They were unable to discover the owners of the cigarettes.

Several changes in commanders' appointments are now taking place. On the China Station, the "Alacrity," special service vessel and Admiral's yacht, will pass under the command of Commander P. R. Stevens, D.S.O., who will succeed Commander R. B. McCowen, D.S.O.

A new scale of local fares between China and Japan ports and Manila is being brought into force next month by the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd. By the big Empress liners the first-class fare from Hongkong to Shanghai will be \$80 Mex. From Shanghai to Hongkong by these vessels which come via Manila, the fare is \$120. By the Empress of Japan and the Montevideo the fare between Shanghai and Hongkong remains at \$66. To Yokohama the first class fares will be \$145 and \$143 by the respective classes of vessels.

Everybody is wanting to educate the Chinese nowadays. Some time ago they were shipping them in large quantities to France, there is talk of taking special care of them in London, there is a friendship movement in Japan and much talk of using Boxer indemnity money for their welfare, and now the Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce has told his fellow members that China needs instruction in the English language and traditions. When people in Hongkong begin to realise that there is such a place as China the world is moving indeed, observes the *Japan Chronicle*.

Commander P. R. Stevens, D.S.O., has been appointed to the special service ship "Alacrity," China Station, in relief of Commander Randall B. McCowen, D.S.O., who has been skipper of the ship since May, 1919. Commander Stevens went first aloft in 1898, was promoted lieutenant in 1904, and reached his present rank in June, 1916. He specialised in surveying, and at the time of the outbreak of the late war he was posted to the battleship "Iron Duke," flagship of Admiral Jellicoe, commanding the Grand Fleet. He joined the "Iron Duke" on August 4, and served with her in the North Sea and elsewhere, and won the D.S.O. at the Battle of Jutland (mentioned in despatches).

A fire which broke out in Wiseman's bakery in Wan-chai in the "small hours" of yesterday morning, caused damage to the extent of \$500. The Fire Brigade were early on the scene and promptly played hoses on the fast-spreading flames. After a strenuous struggle, they succeeded in putting out the flames and saved the building from total destruction. A number of workmen were on the premises at the time of the outbreak and managed to escape as soon as the alarm was given. The cause of the outbreak is thought to be the ignition of a bundle of dry wood by a spark from the oven. The building was insured for \$33,000.

Says to-day's *Canton Times*—The following telegram was addressed to President Harding at Washington by the legal Parliament now in session here.—"The Members of the Chinese Parliament now assembling at Canton, who represent the true sentiment of the Chinese people, avail themselves of this opportunity to extend to you their sincere congratulations on Your Excellency's inauguration as President of the United States of America. Your Excellency's brilliant career as a member of the United States Senate, is held in the highest esteem by the Chinese people, who pray for a continuance of Your Excellency's good health and the further prosperity of the American people. (Signed) Lin Sun and Chu Fu-chien, Speakers."

## SPECIAL CABLES.

## COPPER COINS.

## EXCESSIVE MINTING.

## SERIOUS EFFECTS FELT.

## [China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI April 13. At the annual meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce emphasis was laid on the serious effect of the excessive minting of copper coins. The diplomatic body at Peking was requested to approach the Government and insist on an early fulfilment of treaty obligations on the question of currency.

## PEKING OBITUARY.

## SPANISH MINISTER DEAD.

## [China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, April 13. The death is announced of Don Luis Pastor, the Spanish minister at Peking, the doyen of the diplomatic body.

## "USELESS AND VEXATIOUS."

## CHINESE OPPOSE NEW PRINTING BY-LAW.

## [China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, April 13. The Chinese publishers' unions have issued a lengthy appeal to foreign ratepayers to prevent the passage of the proposed printed matter by-law, saying that it is a useless, vexatious and an unwarranted interference.

## LOSS OF THE "PAUSANG."

## RETURN OF THE MASTERS' CERTIFICATE.

## GUILD CONGRATULATED.

The latest issue of the *Dolphin*, the Journal of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, contains the following under the heading of "Success and a Moral."

Reference was made last month to the success which had attended the efforts of the Guild on behalf of a shipmaster whose certificate was suspended by a Marine Court of Inquiry held in Hongkong to investigate the circumstances attending the stranding of the British steamship "Fausang" of London, last summer. As a result of the Guild's representations this master's certificate was returned to him after only six months' suspension, and the happy issue of this case has brought a large number of letters of congratulation from interested parties. Amongst these is one from a brother of the shipmaster in question, himself a retired sea captain, who writes:—"I have been a member of the Guild since 1906, and will always remain a supporter of the Guild, both in paying my premium and in helping to get new members. I notice officers are giving support to that new society, which I try hard to fight against, as I try to explain to them that they are only making a rope to hang themselves by having new societies formed by men who know very little about the business they are undertaking. However, I will not despair in trying to make moderates of our glorious profession instead of extremists, which this body is trying to do. Wishing you every success in your splendid work." &c., &c.

In reference to the same case a letter has been received from the China Coast Officers' Guild, in which the Assistant Secretary writes:—"I am directed by my Committee to express their deep appreciation and congratulations on the success attendant on your efforts in bringing the case to a satisfactory conclusion, and thus reviving a finding which could never, in the lightest sense of the term, have been accepted as a 'just one'."

## OBITUARY.

## MR. JOHN GRAHAM GRAY.

Much regret will be felt at the death at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, of Mr. John Graham Gray. The deceased, who succumbed to blood poisoning, was 46 years of age. He was the eldest son of Mr. R. J. Gray of Brisbane, and grandson of the late Col. C. G. Gray of the 44th Regiment. The deceased was connected with the firm of Messrs. Snowman & Co. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

It is learned that Victoria Building, situated on a site of between 14,000 and 15,000 square feet, between the Chartered and Mercantile Banks has been sold to a Chinese syndicate at a price which works out at \$56 a square foot. It is also understood that Blue Buildings, on Praya East, the property of the Hongkong Land Investment Company, have been sold.

## SPORT.

## FOOTBALL.

## "HAWKINS" v. SOUTH CHINA.

On the Club ground yesterday afternoon, a large gathering watched a practice match between the "Hawkins" and the South China Athletics "A" team, arranged as a send-off to the Chinese who leave for Canton by train to-day to take part in the Kwangtung Athletic Sports. The local athletes take with them the best wishes of the Colony.

The "Hawkins" opened the game and made a bee line for enemy territory. Burd got well in, but shot wide. From the kick-in, the Chinese went down, and Au Kit Sang who was well placed, received a beautiful pass which he spoiled by hasty shooting. The Chinese returned, but the pressure was relieved by Wong Pak Cheung fouling Edwards. Undaunted, they pounced on the ball immediately from the free kick. Working his way in, Ip Kan sent in a ground shot which Jones was lucky in stopping. In the *melee* which followed, one of the attackers kicked into touch. A foul throw-in by Morgan sent the Chinese in. Edwards fouled Wong Pak Cheung just outside the penalty area. The free kick looked like putting the Chinese one up, but Lung Tai Fong had the misfortune to handle the ball, and thus spoil a good chance. Edwards took the free kick but Lung Tai Fong trapped the ball and sent in a trifle wide. The Chinese attack was prolonged by Stewart fouling Kwok Po Kan, but Cliffie intercepted the free kick and sent Webb away. The latter ran down the field strongly and finished up with a swift shot which Lung Hing Cheung just tipped. The ball struck the crossbar and rebounded into play. Chan So cleared. A couple of minutes later, Lau Hing Cheung left his goal to clear from Burd. The latter passed to Harris, who, luckily for the Chinese, sent in wide of an open goal. Half time came with the score sheet blank.

The second half saw the "Hawkins" on the offensive. A determined attack forced Lung Yui Tong to kick behind to save the situation. Burd placed the corner kick well, but Wong Pak Cheung headed away. Edwards returned the ball, and Harris shot wide. The Sailors persisted, and Harris sent in a ground shot which Fung Tai was lucky in being able to deflect. The ball missed the upright by inches. The goal kick sent the Chinese away and Wong Pak Cheung missed a very easy chance. The misfortune was followed up by Au Kit Sang handling, and the Sailors did not waste much time in sending the ball out of the danger zone. Au Kit Sang returned however, and forced a corner. An exciting *melee* took place at the goal mouth where Edwards appeared to have handled, but the referee did not allow a penalty. The Sailors eventually cleared and going down, Harris sent in a ground shot which Lau Hing Cheung did not see and the ball went past him into the net.

The "Hawkins" returned from the centre and in the *melee* in front of goal, one of the defenders handled. A penalty was awarded against the Chinese. Edwards took the kick and made no mistake, the ball going into the net over Lau Hing Cheung's head. The Chinese attacked and Ip Kan netted a second after the final whistle was sounded. The score was not allowed, and the Chinese retired the unlucky losers of a hard fought game by two clear goals.

## CRICKET.

## THE INTERPORT MATCH.

With regard to cricket it is rather early in the season to discuss prospects, but it seems fairly definite that the Interport match between Hongkong and Shanghai will take place during the latter part of May. The Secretary of the Shanghai Cricket Club has already received word that the Hongkong team will probably leave for Shanghai on or about May 17, and we understand that the practice nets on the Cricket Club's ground will be up and ready for practice on Friday, April 15, says the *N. C. Daily News*. Playing on their own ground, Shanghai should have a very strong representation. When playing away, it is always a difficult matter to get together a team of men able to leave the port who really represent our full strength. Capt. E. L. M. Barrett is again with us and, by his batting ability and thorough knowledge of every point of the game, will doubtless be a big factor of strength on Shanghai's side. The Interport match will take place so early in our season that the team will have to be chosen mainly upon form shown in practice.

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## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

## YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

By kind permission of the stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, the annual athletic sports meeting of St. Joseph's College was held on the Racecourse yesterday afternoon. There was a large gathering present. Sir William and Lady Brunyate made their first appearance at a public function since the inauguration of Sir William as Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University.

The competition was keen throughout and provided an excellent afternoon's sport. All the events went off without a hitch. Some close finishes were witnessed in the senior events. The attraction of the afternoon was the invitation relay race which was won by St. Paul's College after a very strenuous struggle.

The thanks of the College authorities are due to a large number of generous subscribers to the prize fund.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's sport, Lady Brunyate distributed the beautiful array of trophies to the successful competitors, and was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

## OFFICIALS.

The following were the hard-working officials who deserve a big percentage of the credit for the success of the meet:—Patrons, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni and Rev. Fr. P. de Maria; hon. sec., Mr. J. P. Bragg; judges, Messrs. W. G. Fitzgibbon, J. B. Hughes and S. A. M. Sepper; handicappers and starters, Messrs. F. A. Xavier, R. M. Omar and A. Rahmin; time-keepers, Messrs. Noel Braga and W. Jackson; working committee, Messrs. A. Abbas, A. G. Abbas, I. M. Alaraka, M. F. Braga, Hugh Braga, James Braga, C. Guingam, J. B. Hughes, T. Leonard, E. Marriott, D. K. Mistry, L. M. Ozorio, J. Prouchandy, H. F. Rozario, S. Rumjahn, and H. Silva.

## RESULTS.

The following were the results:—Long Jump (Junior).—1. Michael Lim; 2. Peter Lim. Distance: 144 feet.

Long Jump (Senior).—1. J. S. Ackbar; 2. Tay Yoe Ai. Distance: 17 feet.

100 Yards Flat Race (Junior) Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Wong Kwong Tin.—1. A. de Silva; 2. Ishimatsu. Time: 10 2/5secs.

120 Yards Flat Race (Senior).—1. Hugh Braga; 2. Peter Remedios. Time: 12secs.

50 Yards Small Boys' Race.—1. B. Gosano; 2. C. Paley; 3. F. Franco. Time: 6 1/5secs.

440 Yards Flat Race (Junior).—1. A. de Silva; 2. J. Maher. Time: 57secs.

60 Yards Flat Race (boys 10 years and under).—1. C. Victor; 2. G. Victor.

440 Yards Flat Race (Senior).—1. H. Braga; 2. S. Rumjahn. Time: 53secs.

100 Yards Small Boys' Race.—1. B. Gosano; 2. C. Paley.

High Jump (Junior).—1. A. Gosano; 2. Michael Lim. Height: 4ft. 8ins.

High Jump (Senior).—1. F. Woo; 2. K. M. Omar. Height: 5ft. 1in.

120 Yards Flat Race.—1. Wong Sec; 2. Way Can.

220 Yards Flat Race Handicap (Junior), 1st prize by the Lusitano Recreation Club.—1. J. Maher; 2. C. de Silva. Time: 24 4/5secs.

220 Yards Flat Race (Senior) Challenge Cup for St. Joseph's College Association.—1. S. Rumjahn; 2. H. Braga. Time: 25secs.

120 Yards Flat Race.—1. F. L. Marques; 2. R. F. Louis.

Team Race 220 Yards.—1. St. Paul's College. Time: 3.29 2/5mins.

Sack Race.—1. B. Gosano; 2. A. Kitchell.

100 Yards Flat Race.—1. M. Dillon; 2. D. Leonard.

Half-mile Flat Race (Junior).—1. J. Maher; 2. F. M. de Silva. Time: 7.17 2/5secs.

Half-mile Flat Race (Senior).—1. B. Abadie; 2. Holm. Time: 2.134 mins.

100 Yards Flat Race.—1. Sap Ng; 2. Lok Ka Chung.

100 Yards Flat Race (boys 10 years and under).—1. C. Victor; 2. J. Victor.

One-mile Bicycle Race.—1. A. Ignatieff; 2. M. Remedios. Time: 3mins. 25secs.

100 Yards Flat Race (Open to St. Mary's School, Kowloon).—1. C. Xavier; 2. Ida Oliveira.

100 Yards Flat Race (Open to St. Francis School).—Girls: 1. R. Chiu; 2. L. Maynard. Boys: 1. G. Chow; 2. A. Suffad.

Three-Legged Race.—1. C. Silva and Tay Yoe Wai; 2. Ishimatsu and A. N. Other.

100 Yards Flat Race (Open to French Convent School).—1. S. A. Soares; 2. B. Hardwick.

150 Yards Flat Race (Open to St. Joseph's Branch School, Kowloon).—1. C. E. Wong; 2. Foo Kien.

120 Yards Consolation Race (Junior).—1. B. Shamsudini; 2. George Lai.

120 Yards Consolation Race (Senior).—1. H. de Silva; 2. I. Hassan.

## ARCHDEACON'S APPEAL.

## ELUSIVE CATHEDRAL GIRL.

WELSH NURSE WHO MAY SOLVE A MYSTERY.

The mystery girl of Peterborough Cathedral becomes still more mysterious, writes a *Manchester* correspondent of a home paper.

This elusive and fascinating personality is the young woman with whom Archdeacon Wakeford talked in the cathedral precincts on March 15 last year, and she is an all-important witness in the archdeacon's appeal (against the Consistory Court, which found him guilty of immorality) mentioned in to-day's cables. Let this girl come forward, and the last link which makes a corroborative chain of evidence is complete.

Mr. Wilfred Seaton, a north of Ireland farmer, has declared that he has found her. He travelled from Peterborough to Manchester on March 15, and with him in the carriage was a pretty girl who said that she had been sheltering in the cathedral with a galled clergyman. This girl gave her name as Williams, and said she was a nurse at Nell-lane Hospital, Didsbury, Manchester.

The hospital is one of the great Poor Law institutions under the Manchester Guardians. A few hundred nurses, more than forty "nurse attendants," and a large number of servants are employed there. The Williamses on the staff are at present four—a staff nurse, a probationer nurse, "nurse attendant," and cook. Miss Nell Williams, a staff nurse, was in the institution during March, 1920, but she was never away on leave during the month. The probationer and "nurse attendant" only came to the hospital this year and have never been to Peterborough, neither has Mrs. Williams, the cook.

Who, then, was the girl in the train who said she was Nurse Williams? Here perhaps is a clue? There was at Nell-lane Hospital in the early summer of 1920 a Welsh girl named Williams, a "nurse attendant," who answers the description in every way of the girl in Peterborough Cathedral. She was pretty, fair haired, thin, and slimly built. Height about 5ft. 4ins., with very good teeth, and looks in age anything about twenty.

She was not in the hospital in March, but would most probably have known then that she was going there. Her home is in North Wales. Her father is a schoolmaster and she speaks with the quiet educated voice of a teacher, a fact which Archdeacon Wakeford observed. She came from a hospital—says Cardiff and left Didsbury in October of last year to nurse her mother. She may hold the key to the riddle.

## WHY.

## DO DOGS TAKE AN INSTANT DISLIKE TO SOME PEOPLE?

Every owner of a dog knows that his pet has certain idiosyncrasies, among others being the fact that he will take an instant dislike to some people, while with others, he will be playful and agreeable from the first moment he meets them. At first glance, this would appear to be a trait inherent only in the animal itself—but human beings have it as well; the only difference being that we rely upon our judgment, founded mainly on the sense of sight, while the dog relies upon his super-sensitive nose. "I don't like his face," or "There's something about his eyes that I don't care for" is the way we would phrase it, but the dog retires into a corner, crouches or winces at the approach of the person whom he distrusts, thus evincing by his actions the same feelings which we have put into words.

Nature, having endowed a dog with eyesight which is far below the average of the normal human being, has made up for this by giving him an acutely developed sense of smell, nostrils which will pick out a scent with which he is familiar among hundreds of others, and which enable him to follow that scent where, to the human eye, there is not the slightest trace of any track or path. To a dog, therefore, every human being has his own peculiar scent—just as, to other human beings he has features which stamp him as different from the rest. It is only natural that, among the many persons with whom a dog comes in contact, there will be some whose scent he does not like, and he manifests this displeasure in his own fashion; though, on the authority of one of the foremost dog fanciers of the country, this hygienic means bears out the popular belief that a dog knows which persons are to be trusted and which are not.

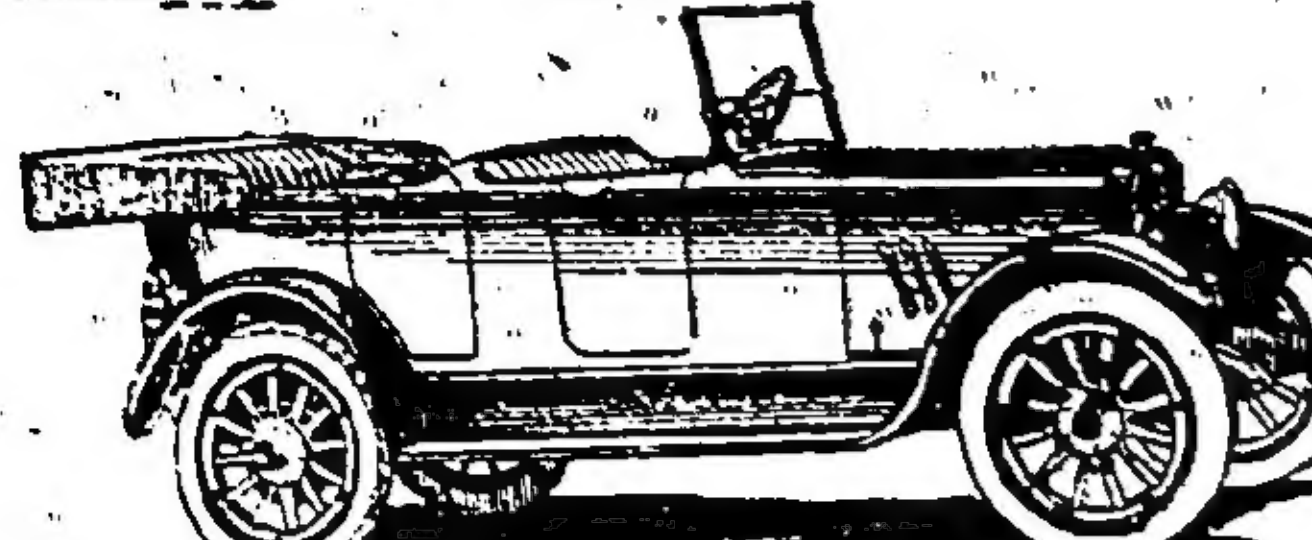
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## TWO HOUSES COLLAPSE.

NINE PEOPLE MISSING.

EARLY MORNING TRAGEDY.

Nine bodies have still to be recovered from the ruins of two houses in Old Bailey which collapsed this morning. As the result, it is said, of incomplete internal reconstruction of one of the buildings. One of the many who had remarkable escapes from death none is seriously injured.

About 6.37 a.m. to-day the usual early morning silence in the vicinity of the Central Police Station was disturbed by a terrific crash. At first it was thought that the crash had occurred within the police compound, but on investigation it was found that houses Nos. 9 and 11 Old Bailey, a few yards across the street, had collapsed. The large crowd of excited people, which soon gathered, saw five people scramble into the street from the wreck. From them it was ascertained that four people were buried in No. 11, and 15 in No. 9. Within five minutes of the crash, rescue work was begun by the police, and was soon joined by the Fire Brigade, Sanitary Board, and ambulances and dead cars were also early on the scene. After some minutes of strenuous work, five injured people were brought out of the houses and rushed off to hospital. They were three children and two women, all of whose injuries were not serious. Later, attracted by groups, the workers dug out three other injuries. Of these, one had very slight injuries, while the other two, an aged man and a woman were without a scratch. All the rescued were removed from the front part of the houses. Those who were buried in the debris in the rear could not be got at as it was unsafe for the rescuers to venture far into the buildings owing to the bulging of the walls which remained standing. Rescue work had perforce to be stopped soon after 9 o'clock for the walls to be shored. This work, up to 11 a.m., had not been completed. During the shoring of the buildings a stampede was caused among the Chinese crowd by someone alleging that he saw one of the walls swaying. Prompt measure was taken to order. Three people reported to be still in No. 11, and six in No. 9 are feared to be beyond human help. They must have been either crushed so long among the debris. No. 11 was vacated a few days ago and the building was shored for internal reconstruction. It is believed that this weakened the support to the roof which caved in without any warning bringing down with it the party wall between Nos. 11 and 9. The collapse of the party wall brought down the roof of No. 9. The heavy masonry crashed through every floor of the two 3-storied houses, and the ruins were heaped up about half the height of the floors. The other walls of the houses, although a bit shaky, remained standing. The houses are owned by Mr. Lee Ngok Lau, late proprietor of the Mercantile Bank.

An expert who has had a look at the place tells us that the houses were very old, that repairs were under way, and that the Chinese workmen had put in the usual "flying shoring." His theory is that these were jammed in too tight against the party wall, and jarred it so that under stress it collapsed.

## WEST POINT BLAZE.

BRIGADE'S STRENUOUS FIGHT.

THREE FLOORS GUTTED.

At 9 a.m. yesterday, a fire broke out at No. 72, Queen's Road West, on the ground floor which was used for storing brass and lead. Helped by a strong breeze, the flames spread rapidly and soon had a grip of the 4-storied building. The fire brigade turned out promptly, and on arrival found the first and second floors well ablaze. Realising the futility of attempting to save these floors, the brigade turned its attention to the top floor, and after a long and strenuous fight succeeded in saving it, causing only slight damage to property by water. The other floors of the house were completely gutted. Fortunately the fire broke out early in the evening and the inmates of the three dwelling flats were able to escape before the flames got to the staircase. The property on the ground floor was not insured. The first and second floors were insured for \$3,000 and \$1,500 respectively.

## NEW CONSORTIUM.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Tokyo, April 1.—The Foreign Office has issued the following statement: "Subsequent to the formation of the quadruple Consortium, unwarranted utterances, due to misapprehensions, have caused the presentation to China of the Consortium's dossier. Japan, considering that it was now opportune, recently proposed to the other Powers that the dossier should be published. They having accepted this proposal, the dossier is published to-day.

"Previous statements have clarified the circumstances of the formation of the Consortium and Japan's position. It is, however, worthy of note that the chief object of the Consortium is to ensure concord and co-operation between the Powers in order to promote the welfare of China and it should especially be remembered that the Consortium's mission is economic and that it has no political complexion whatever.

"Such an organisation is not new, a sextuple group operated in 1912. The war excluded Germany, and America withdrew, but the remaining Powers co-operated with increased solidarity. Japan's participation at that time was actuated solely by a desire to promote the principle of co-operation respecting a spirit of international accord with unchanged and unchangeable faithfulness. Moreover, Japan earnestly desired America's re-entry and tried to persuade America to this effect more than once. Therefore America's proposal for a new Consortium was welcomed as coinciding perfectly with Japan's long-cherished desires and Japan endeavoured to accelerate its formation.

"There is no difference fundamentally between the new and the old Consortiums, but America's participation strengthens the solidarity of the new one.

"MANCHURIA AND MONGOLIA.

"Regarding Japan's reservations in connection with Manchuria and Mongolia, regrettable misunderstandings have arisen in regard to her motives. The object of these reservations was merely to secure a new and definite understanding amongst the Powers concerning our special legitimate claims in regard to Manchuria and Mongolia. Japan was not actuated by any desire completely to exclude the activities of other Powers in these territories. Japan desires distinctly to ensure her national defence and the security of her economic life. Numerous concrete cases involving her vital interests and self-preservation have occurred, but Japan is confident that she can safely rely on the mutual trust and friendship of the Powers respecting the exigencies of any future situation.

"NO AGGRESSIVE POLICY.

"The allegations that insistence on the reservations was due to a policy of aggression, thereby delaying the Consortium, are entirely without foundation. The demand for ensuring the right of self-preservation, the requirements of national defence and her economic existence represents a serious national sentiment, by no means emanating from the political ambition of a small section of the people. Apart from past circumstances Japan is gratified that the Powers fully understand her real intentions and anticipate the enhancement of co-operation which, she is convinced, will lead to a new era of greater accord and amity."—Reuter.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. "Venezuela" yesterday:—Mr. P. Almasro, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bird, Mr. Samuel Bird, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bessell, Mr. Paul Blum, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Breslin, Mrs. E. B. Bordin, Mr. Philip Cook, Messrs. B. H. Chisholm, G. B. Dean, B. M. Ellis, A. L. Farwell, Miss K. Goldil, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Greene, Messrs. Lewis Gonzales, O. H. Haynes, Mrs. A. M. Higson, Earl Hynes, J. Hutchinson, E. W. Hazzard, L. Hope, N. F. Kuhn, Robert Karr, Lieut. and Mrs. L. E. Kelly, Messrs. K. de C. Longmire, F. Loeffler, Miss J. G. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. E. Meyers, Miss Helen Myers, Messrs. J. Mason, C. E. Macgregor, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morton, Miss Alice Morton, Master Chas. V. Morton, Miss Lucy H. Morton, Master Harry B. Morton, Miss Helen E. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Minor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McElroy, Mr. W. O. Greubler, Mr. E. G. Parker, Miss D. I. H. Read, Messrs. E. S. Romero, D. Ramondas, B. S. Rogers, Augustus Stephens, Frank Selby, E. T. Ringer, Mrs. M. Strother, Master Raymond Stuckler, Mr. W. Squires, Miss M. T. Tomery, Miss I. M. Tomery, Miss M. G. Worrall, Mr. E. H. Winburg, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Woodward, Miss Mary L. Woodward and Mr. H. E. Whiddett.

## COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., was held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, at noon to-day. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were present the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Mr. A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. Lau Chai Pak, and Rev. Father L. Robert, (Directors), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. R. J. Wilton, W. E. Clarke, G. Grimble, Ho Leung, and F. S. Harrison.

The Secretary and General Manager, Mr. W. E. Roberts, having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—The Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year 1920 have been in your possession for some considerable time, and I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The result of the year's working is very satisfactory, traffic receipts showing an increase of \$89,065, while working expenses decreased by \$12,080. The number of passengers carried during the year, exclusive of monthly ticket holders, amounted to 14,104,224, an increase over the previous year of 1,203,054.

With regard to the working expenses, the decrease is due to the fact that there was very little maintenance work carried out on the track during the year, as we were busily engaged laying new rails from Whitty Street to Causeway Bay, which of course is a capital charge. The saving on track maintenance a/c amounted to \$26,733, so that other working expenses actually increased by \$14,653, accounted for chiefly by the fact that wages paid to Chinese employees were increased in April of last year by 32½ per cent.

The rate of exchange at which the a/c's have been converted into sterling is 1s. 8½d less than the rate taken for the previous year, and a credit of \$49,591.17. 8 appears in the Profit and Loss a/c, representing the difference in exchange on the excess of dollar liabilities over dollar assets. From this item has been deducted the difference arising from the conversion of Capital Expenditure at the rate of 2/- per dollar as usual instead of 3/2, leaving a net credit in Profit and Loss a/c of £22,903.16.11.

The relaying of rails has now been completed, and a very excellent job has been made of it. This section will require very little attention for some time, and the Company will benefit in a saving of maintenance charges, whilst passengers will, I am sure, appreciate the absence of jolting when travelling on the cars. Two thirds of the relaid track has been paved with granite sets, and although the original cost of this form of paving is higher than the asphaltum or macadam surfacing the cost of upkeep will be very much less, and certainly a magnificent roadway is obtained. Other portions of the track now need attention, particularly the section from Whitty Street to Kennedy Town, and although it is not at present necessary to lay new rails, a large amount of repair work must be done immediately.

In view of the increasing traffic on the tramway, your directors decided to construct an additional six cars, and it is expected that these will be in service by the end of June next.

Since the Directors' Report was issued, the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone has retired from the Board, and your directors elected me to fill the vacancy. A resolution referring to this will be proposed later.

I now beg to propose "That the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1920 be and the same are hereby adopted."

Sir Paul Chater seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard proposed that the final Dividend for the year ended December 31, 1920 at the rate of one shilling and three pence per share (making a total of 2s. per share for the year) recommended by the Directors be and is hereby sanctioned, and that the same be paid to the shareholders on the Colonial (Hongkong) Register at the exchange rate of three shillings and two pence per Hongkong dollar.

Sir Paul Chater seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. E. Clarke proposed that Mr. D. G. M. Bernard be elected a Director of the Company, and that the retiring directors, the Rev. Fr. L. Robert and Mr. A. H. Compton be re-elected Directors of the Company.

Mr. George Grimble seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ho Leung proposed, and Mr. F. S. Harrison seconded that Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews be elected Auditors of the Company at a fee of \$1,000 to hold office until the next annual general meeting.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.

## CORONET THEATRE.

During the week the main attraction at the Coronet Theatre has been "Pirate Gold." It is a serial in ten episodes produced by George B. Selzer, who was responsible for the production of "The Exploits of Elaine" and "The Iron Claw" both of which have been shown in Hongkong. The present serial however is more in the nature of a comedy, and the first two episodes now being shown, while providing plenty of humour, give promise of a thrilling story. Briefly it is the story of a treasure hunt, a young man having bought a fake plan. At the same time he was unwittingly given the correct latitude and longitude of the hidden treasure. He goes to seek it and is trailed by members of a gang who have been selling maps for the purpose of raising funds for carrying on the search for the treasure. The hero disappears in a cloud of smoke caused by an explosion of dynamite at the end of the second episode. It is expected that he will recover in time for number three.

The Coronet's programme is completed by an amusing Harold Lloyd comedy entitled "His Royal Snyss."

One fatal case of small-pox and another of enteric fever were reported yesterday, also a non-fatal case of relapsing fever, and another of small-pox (all Chinese).

Another "confidence trick" was successfully pulled off in Yaumati yesterday. As usual the victim was a woman. She met a stranger who persuaded her to part with \$72 in money, \$89 worth of jewellery and an umbrella in exchange for a "bundle of notes." These "notes" on arrival at the money changer's she discovered to be "scraps of paper." She rushed back to where the stranger had promised to wait for her, but he was gone.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

23rd April 1921.

A ROWING DINNER will be held after the Regatta at 8 p.m. at the HONGKONG HOTEL. Will those wishing to be present kindly send their names to the undersigned not later than the 20th inst.

J. S. McCANN,  
Hon. Rowing Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 13, 1921.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY, April 16, 1921, commencing at 10.30 a.m., On the Premises of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

(For Account of the Concerned),  
100 Bales Liverpool Twist 3-Blue Stripe Gunnies 44" x 26½" x 2½ lbs. (8 x 8)  
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THE HONGKONG POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

Dog, Cat, Poultry, Pigeon and Bird Show, 1921.

By kind permission of the Stewards of the JOCKEY CLUB, a Show will be held at the RACE COURSE, Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 30th April.

There will be classes for all breeds, types, etc. of the above provided there are sufficient entries.

Entrance fee for Dogs \$2.00, Cats \$1.00, Poultry and Pigeons 30 cents, per pen. Cage birds, Canaries, parrots, etc. 30 cents each or aviculture \$1.00. Exhibitors of pigeons and cage birds must find their own cages.

Entrance forms for the Show can be had from the undersigned and must be sent in, together with the fee, not later than SATURDAY, 23rd April.

Intending exhibitors are requested to send in their entries as soon as possible in order to allow sufficient time to make up classes and arrange for the necessary accommodation.

B. L. FROST,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, April 13, 1921.

## FOR SALE.

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One Graflex Camera & Zeiss Lens. Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, April 13, 1921.

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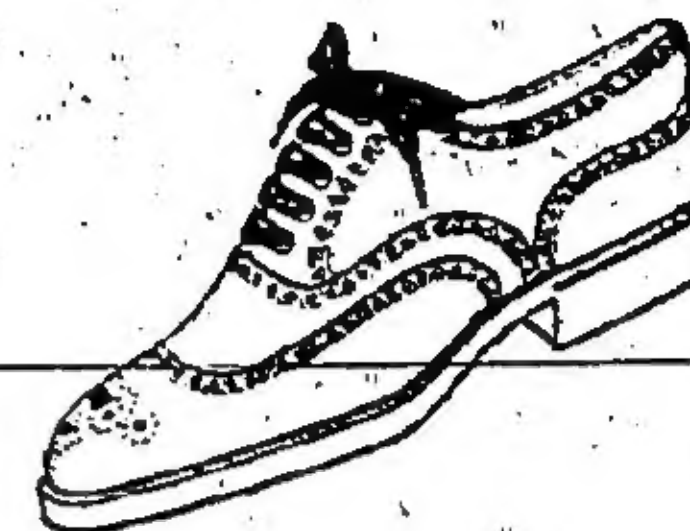


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"DILWARA"	5,378	9th May at 11 a.m.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"NAGOYA"	7,000	13th May at 11 a.m.	Marseilles, London & A.werp.

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"EASTERN"	4,000	14th April at 11 a.m.	Timor, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
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In consequence of this instinctive solidarity of each sex within itself, the savage tribe has usually a man's club and a woman's club.

In New Guinea the men have their *meves* and the women have theirs. Breaking the sex-taboo of entrance is death. I have hundreds of similar cases from all over the world.

Among the Bechuanas the men plough and it is taboo for a woman to touch the cattle.

The Eskimo considers it a scandalous thing for a man to interfere with or perform work belonging to women.

In "primitive" life it is practically a universal law that men and women may not eat together.

A Hindu wife never eats with her husband; if she were to touch his food "it would be rendered unfit for use."

The segregation of the sexes goes so far in many cases that each sex has practically a different language.

The Caribs have two distinct vocabularies—one used by men and by women when speaking to men; the other by women when speaking to each other and by men when repeating some saying of the women.

The reasons given by missionaries and travellers and by the people themselves for this taboos segregation are curious but natural.

Here are some mixed examples—Drak boys are forbidden to eat venison, the special food of women and old men, "because it would make them timid as deer" or women.

Redskin warriors avoided the "weaker" sex for fear of being made weak.

A good deal of all this sex-taboo is evidently to be put down to male

jealousy and proprietary feeling, but there must be something deeper.

A curious corollary is to be seen in marriage ceremonies. The bringing together of a man and a woman is, on the primitive theory, a breaking of the taboo, and is dangerous, because each sex is dangerous to the other.

The most general of marriage ceremonies is eating together, for the first and last time.

Others are the exchange of clothes, drinking each other's blood, and in-cubation with each other's blood—the idea evidently being assimilation by communion. It is a critical affair, as is shown by the Bengal custom—each of the pair being first married to a tree.

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## THE QUEST OF MOHAMMED'S SACRED SLIPPER SERIES.

## III.—THE HAND OF A THIEF

BY SAKH ROHMER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

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In which is introduced Earl Dexter, American, who "only goes in on the big game." The girl with the violet eyes appears again in this third story of the adventures attending the theft of Mohammed's slipper mystery and excitement are more intense than ever.

A little group of interested spectators stood at the head of the square glass case in the centre of the lofty apartment in the British Antiquarian Museum known as the Burton room (by reason of the fact that a fine painting of Sir Richard Burton faces you as you enter). A few well-dressed people looked on curiously from the lower end of the case. It contained but one exhibit—a dirty and dilapidated markob or slipper of morocco leather that had once been red.

"Our latest acquisition, gentlemen," said Mr. Mostyn, the curator. "It has been left to the Institution by the late Professor Deeping. He describes it in a document furnished by his solicitor as one of the slippers worn by the Prophet Mohammed. I, myself, cannot quite place the relic." "Nor I," interrupted one of the group. "It is not mentioned by any of the Arabian historians to my knowledge—that is, if it comes from Mecca, as I understand it does?" "I cannot positively assert that it comes from Mecca," Dr. Nicholson, Mostyn replied. "The Professor may have taken it from Al Madinah—perhaps from the mysterious inner passage of the baldaquin where the treasure of the place lies. But I can assure you that what little we do know of its history is sufficiently unsavoury."

I fancied that the curator's tired cultured voice faltered as he spoke; and now, without apparent reason, he moved a step to the right and glanced oddly along the room. I followed the direction of his glance, and saw a tall man in conventional morning dress, irreproachable in every detail, whose head was instantly bent upon his catalogue. But before his eyes fell, I knew from their long almond shape, as well as from the peculiar burnt pallor of his countenance, that they were undoubtedly those of an Oriental.

"There have been mysterious outrages committed, I believe, upon many of those who have come in contact with the slipper?" asked one of the savants.

"Exactly. Professor Deeping was undoubtedly among the victims. His instructions were explicit that the relic should be brought here by a Moslem; but for a long time we failed to discover any Moslem who would undertake the task; and, as you are aware, while the slipper remained at the Professor's house attempts were made to steal it."

He ceased, uneasily, and glanced at the tall Eastern figure. It had edged a little nearer; the head was still bowed and the fine yellow waxen fingers of the hand from which he had removed his glove fumbled with the catalogue's leaves. It may well be that in those days I read menace in every eye, yet I felt assured that the yellow visitor was eavesdropping—was malignantly attentive to the conversation.

The curator spoke lower than ever now; no one beyond the circle could possibly hear him as he proceeded. "We discovered an Alexandrian Greek who, for personal reasons, not unconnected with matrimony, has turned Moslem. He carried the slipper here, strongly escorted, and placed it where you now see it. No other hand has touched it." (The speaker's voice was raised ever so slightly.) "You will note that there is a rail around the case, to prevent visitors from touching even the glass."

"Ah," said Dr. Nicholson unobtrusively. "And has anything untoward happened to our Graeco-Moslem friend?" "Perhaps Inspector Bristol can tell you," replied the curator.

The slight, military figure of the well-known Scotland Yard man was conspicuous amongst the group of distinguished—and mostly round-shouldered—scholars.

"Sorry gentlemen," he said smiling. "but Mr. Acepulos has vanished from his tobacco shop in Soho. I am not apprehensive that he has been kidnapped or anything of that kind. I think rather that the date of his disappearance tallies with that on which he cashed his check for service rendered."

"What precautions," some one asked, "are being taken to guard the slipper?" "Well," Mostyn answered, "though we have only the bare word of the late Professor Deeping that the slipper was actually worn by Mohammed, it has certainly an enormous value according to Moslem ideas. There can be no doubt that a group of fanatics known as hashishin are in London engaged in an extraordinary endeavour to recover it."

Mostyn's voice sank to an impressive whisper. My gaze sought again the tall Eastern visitor and was held fascinated by the baffled straining in those velvet eyes. But the lids were lowered as I looked and the effect was that of a fire suddenly extinguished. I determined to draw Bristol's attention to the man.

"Accordingly," Mostyn continued, "we have placed it in this room, from which I fancy it would puzzle the most accomplished thief to remove it."

"We have four large windows here, as you see; the Burton room occupies the end of a wing; there is only one door; it communicates with the next room, which in turn opens into the main building by another door on the landing. We are on the first floor;

these two east windows afford a view of the lawn before the main entrance, these two west ones face Orington Square; all are heavily barred as you see. During the day there is a man always on duty in these two rooms. At night that communicating door is locked. Short of erecting a ladder in full view either of the square or of Great Orchard street, fling through four iron bars and breaking the window and the case, I fail to see how anybody can get at the slipper here."

"So I venture to predict," finished the celebrated Orientalist, "that the slipper of the Prophet will rest here undisturbed."

He linked his arm into that of a brother scholar and the little group straggled away, Mostyn accompanying them to the main entrance.

"The real danger begins," I suggested to Inspector Bristol, "when the general public is admitted—after to-day, is it not?"

"Yes. All to-day's people are especially invited, or are using special invitation cards," he replied. "The people who receive them often give their tickets away to those who will be likely really to appreciate the opportunity."

I looked around for the tall Oriental. He seemed to have vanished, and for some reason I hesitated to speak of him to Bristol for my gaze fell upon an excessively thin, keen-faced man, whose curiously wide-open eyes met mine smilingly; whose grey suit spoke the U.S.A., whose felt hat was unmistakably of Boston. At the height of the season such visitors are not rare, but this one had an odd personality and moreover his keen gaze was raking the place from ceiling to floor.

To the best of my recollection, I had never set eyes upon the man prior to that moment and since he was so palpably an American I had no reason for assuming him to be associated with the hashishin. But I remembered—indeed I could never forget—how, in the recent past, I had met with an apparent associate of the Moslems as evidently European as this curiously alert visitor was American.

It was upon the eve of the death of Professor Deeping that she had first intruded her fascinating personality into my tangled affairs. Patently, she had then been seeking the holy slipper, and by craft had endeavoured to bend me to her will. Then I encountered her again, meeting the glance of her unforgettable violet eyes outside a Strand hotel. The encounter had presaged a further attempt upon the slipper. Certainly she acted on behalf of someone interested in it and since neither Bristol nor I could conceive of anyone seeking to possess the blood-stained thing, except the mysterious leader of the hashishin—Hassan of Aleppo—as a creature of that awful, fanatic being I had written her down.

"Why, then, if the mysterious Eastern employed a European girl, should he not also employ an American man? It might well be that the relic, entering the doors of the impregnable Antiquarian Museum, had passed where the diabolical arts of the hashishin had no power to reach it—where the beauty of Western woman and the craft of Eastern man were equally useless weapons. Perhaps Hassan's campaign was entering upon a new phase."

Once, I had seen the venerable Hassan of Aleppo—a stately, gentle old man; but I knew that the velvet eyes could blaze into a passionate fury that seemed to scorch whom it fell upon; I knew that the saintly Hassan was Sheikh of the Hashishin. And familiarity with that dreadful organization had by no means bred contempt. I was the holder of the key, and my fear of the fanatics grew.

You, who have not read poor Deeping's Assyrian Mythology, cannot picture a creature with a huge, distorted head, and a tiny, dwarfed body—a thing inhuman, yet human—a man stunted and malformed by the cruel arts of brother men—a thing obnoxious to life, with but one passion to kill. You cannot conceive of the years of agony spent by that creature strapped to a wooden frame—in order to prevent his growth! You cannot conceive of his fierce hatred of all humanity, inflamed to madness by the Eastern drug, hashish, and directed against the enemies of Islam—the holder of the slipper—by the wonderful power of Hassan of Aleppo.

But I had not only read of such beings. I had encountered one! And he was but one of the many instruments of the hashishin. Perhaps the girl with the violet eyes was another.

Do you wonder that I feared? Do you wonder that I hoped (I confess it) hoped that the slipper might be recovered, without further bloodshed?

I stepped over to the door, where a constable stood on duty.

"You observed a tall Eastern gentleman in the room a while ago, officer?"

"I did, sir."

(To be continued.)

## MOSQUITO PEST.

## MALARIA PREVENTION.

## SANITARY BOARD DISCUSSION.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board was held in the Board Room, Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. R. Sayer presided, and there were present the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins (D.P.W.), Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Chau Shoo-son, and Mr. C. M. W. Reynolds (Secretary).

Pursuant to notice, Dr. Koch asked the following questions:-

(i)—Is there a periodical recrudescence of mosquitoes in the residential areas of the Colony?

(ii)—If so, what are the apparent causes of such recrudescence?

(iii)—What are the remedies which have been, and should be, put into force?

The Secretary read the following reply:-

(1) It is noticeable that mosquitoes are more prevalent in the Spring and Autumn.

(2) The apparent causes of this are:-

(a) Spring.—The advent of warm weather generally associated with intermittent light rain causing small accumulations of water on the hillsides.

(b) Autumn.—The action of heavy rain in clearing all pools of larvae having ceased, opportunity occurs for mosquitoes to hatch out again.

(3) Remedies.—It has been customary to have undergrowth cut in the neighbourhood of houses in the Spring and Autumn and to send gangs of men to clear away all tins and broken bottles, etc., which are then exposed.

It has also been customary to oil collections of water which can not be otherwise dealt with. Also on receipt of any complaint of mosquitoes being prevalent, it has been customary to make a special inspection with a view to ascertaining their breeding places and to deal with them.

A special survey is being arranged with a view to finding if any more permanent works can be carried out, e.g. more training of nullahs and for alterations of house drainage.

In spite of any permanent works mosquitoes will breed in flower pots, eaves, gutters if choked, and other collections of water in private premises.

Dr. Koch asked permission to move a resolution on the matter without giving the usual fortnight's notice. The matter was now urgent and a resolution now would make the Board's decision effective without loss of time.

The Chairman said the matter could be treated as one of urgency if two-thirds of the members present agreed.

Permission having been granted, Dr. Koch said that arising out of the answer to his question he would like to point out that although they had been slumbering under the happy delusion that malaria had been practically wiped out of the Colony, still it could be judged from the few official statistics that had appeared that that happy state was not quite a fact. He found from the last returns available from the Government Civil Hospital that there were 218 cases of malaria admitted, with nine deaths, and in the Tung Wah Hospital about 207, with 57 deaths, a percentage of about 25. The incidence of malaria in the New Territories had not been recorded in the Kwong Wah Hospital, but it was a notorious fact that malaria was widely prevalent.

In this Colony from time to time epidemics occurred which greatly stirred the population. They had had epidemics of cerebro-spinal fever, of plague, and smallpox, and the people nearly lost their heads because of the very acute incidence and of the dramatic nature of those cases, whereas malaria was much more maiming in its effects, and the deaths in one form or another, either from itself or from one of its consequences, outnumbered the deaths from all the other epidemics. Malaria was not regarded with any dread, and people naturally became notoriously indifferent to taking steps in order to suppress the possibility of the carrying by the malaria parasite. Those steps, the Chairman told them, the Board had taken. In view of the widespread prevalence of malaria, the Board ought to take more definite steps to enlist the interest and co-operation of the inhabitants of the Colony. That might be done by public advertisement in the papers, or by leaving leaflets with house-holders, telling them what to do and how to do it. Propaganda against malaria ought to be carried on. Propaganda

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was resorted to in the case of other diseases, venereal disease, for example, which was not nearly so prevalent or so deadly as malaria. The Board would be justified in recommending to the Government that the Sanitary Board be empowered to carry on what he would call an intensive campaign against malaria in the Colony. Many new buildings were being put up everywhere, and it was a matter of common knowledge that the mosquito parasite was more prevalent not on account of the earth being turned up, but on account of the consequent accumulation of pools of water, especially in the hot weather. There were parts of the island where malaria was rife and everybody was a reservoir of malaria. He knew several such cases. He proposed the following resolution:-

"That this Board recommends that the Sanitary Department be authorised to undertake an intensive campaign against mosquitoes in the Colony."

Mr. C. G. Alabaster seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The Chairman proposed the formation of a sub-Committee to give effect to the resolution, consisting of Dr. Koch, the Medical Officer, the Director of Public Works and himself. The Hon. Mr. Perkins asked to be excused owing to the pressure of other work.

Mr. Alabaster seconded the resolution and the sub-Committee was then appointed, as above, with the omission of the name of the Director of Public Works.

OVERCROWDING—"MORE HOUSES" THE REAL REMEDY.

Among the other business was the matter of numbering houses under the Overcrowding bye-laws, i.e. posting on each floor the number of people who might reside there.

In a minute on the question Mr. Tso asked why the old numbering practice was being revived now, when the housing problem was so acute.

The Chairman said that the reason why the old practice of numbering had fallen into disuse was that between 1908 and 1912 the number of square feet per head was reduced from fifty to thirty. That, of course, necessitated an alteration of every number, and it was considered at the time that renumbering would not be necessary, as it was understood that, with the larger number of people allowed per square foot, overcrowding would not occur. Since that time it had become more and more evident that overcrowding had occurred and they found it advisable to resume the old machinery. There was no idea of taking sudden action to deal with offending householders. No doubt the real remedy was to build more houses.

It was decided without further discussion to revert to the old numbering system.

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## NEWS RECEIVED AT SHANGHAI.

What would you do if you had been a sailor for 24 years, since you were 16 years old, to be more exact, and when you were exactly half way around the world from home, received a cable message informing you that you had inherited 24,000 pounds sterling?

Well, that's exactly what most any tar would do and it's exactly what Frank Dupuy of Guernsey, England, did when he arrived at Yokohama a week ago Friday on the British steamer Greldaldy—"celebrated." In fact Dupuy, who, according to the captain of the vessel, was "the hardest working sailor on board until the ship reached Shanghai," "celebrated" so thoroughly that he almost missed the passenger liner which he determined to take home to wife and fortune, writes the *Japan Advertiser*.

## RUNS AWAY TO SEA.

The story of Boatswain Dupuy and his fortune was told by an official of Dodwell and Co., of Yokohama, steamship agents, and is briefly as follows: Dupuy was the youngest son in a big and highly respectable family in Guernsey. He saw little hope for the youngest son in England and at the age of 16 became the "bad boy" of the family and ran away to sea. And at sea he has been ever since; he is now 41 years old. He was married at the age of 19 and his own family is also in Guernsey, but he has been back at his parents' home but twice since he was a lad.

He was chief sailor on the steamer "Greldaldy" and, with the one exception already noted, was a good sailor. When the good ship reached Shanghai, Bo'sun Dupuy received a letter from his wife telling him that his mother had died and had left him £24,000. The Bo'sun told the captain about his fortune, but the ship's master had heard fairy tales before and would not release the sailor. The sailor, however, believed the news and did a little celebrating of the turn of fortune, which may account for the conditional portion of the captain's praise. The letter said that money would be cabled to Yokohama and when the sailor received three cablegrams, containing a total of £100, the captain gave in and agreed to release the man and permit him to go home.

## GOES THIRD CLASS.

That was Friday, March 18, at Yokohama. The captain, a representative of Dodwell and Co., and the Bo'sun left the ship to go ashore and arrange the sailor's passage home. On the deck the captain asked the sailor if he had his papers. The sailor had forgotten them and went back to get them, a trip that should have taken 10 minutes. There was where the chief trouble began. The sailor didn't reappear and when found on deck was oblivious to the necessity of hurry in doing anything. He had a passport to be made out, two visas to obtain, a release to be drawn up and signed, things in the way of red tape and paper work which anyone in the Far East can imagine—and all to be done before the French steamer "Cordillere" left the harbor at daylight the next morning. He was taken from place to place and told what to do, even to posing for the passport picture. During one delay he is said to have been chained to a desk and during another to have been closely watched by the steward, a big man. But through it all he remained happy and good natured and was in a pleasant, though not so hilarious, a mood when on board the French liner he left for England.

## SUPERSTITIONS.

## WHISTLING FOR A WIND.

This is a wide-spread superstition among sailors which is translated into practice somewhere on the Seven Seas every day of the year. The sailor on the deck of the coasting schooner becalmed off Cape Cod whistles for a wind in the same manner as did the mariner on the Greek galley becalmed off marbled Ithaca in the days when "Homer swept the lyre."

The heathen of classical times—at least in the lower orders—was always trying to deceive his gods. To "put one over" on High Olympus was considered a proper and rather clever thing to do. Now Aeolus was god of the winds which he loosed from the cavern where he had them confined to swell the lagging sail with favouring breezes or to lash the waves with the fury of a gale. But perchance Aeolus slept and the winds slept with him; or he gloried and drank deep on Olympian heights musing of the loitering ships and imprisoned winds. Then the Greek sailor whistled for a wind.

Now when the sailor whistles for a wind he does not really "whistle" but expels his breath from between his lightly closed lips with a peculiar shrill sound mingled with a slight whistling noise—very much such a sound as the radiator makes sometimes when the steam is just beginning to get up. It is supposed to imitate the first sounds of a breeze beginning to stir in the rigging.

Aeolus heaves. What! has someone usurped his functions? Or has a breeze gone out without his permission? He gets on his job at once and though he may see that he has been tricked releases the desired breeze—unless he should be in bad humor, when he releases a storm-wind and makes the whistling sailor rue his whistling. So through the long ages the custom of whistling for a wind has come down from the sailors of Jason's fleet to the fishermen of the Grand Banks.

## WHY GERMANY LOST.

## MARSHAL FOCH'S VIEWS.

## PATRIOTISM AND MATERIALISM.

London, March 13.—Marshal Foch contributes to the new French journal, the *Revue de France*, an article explaining the German defeat.

He draws a parallel between the German armies of 1916 and 1814. He says that Blucher, York, Deltum, and Kleist were inspired by holy passion. Ludendorff was an excellent staff officer, but nothing more. He lacked the true comprehension of the character of a national war, whereas the Allies were inspired by the loftiest spirit of sacrifice, confidence, dash, and sacred ardour, making it a real national war and the principal cause of victory.

What availed Ludendorff's professional qualities against this spirit? He and his brother officers were an admirable troop-direction machine, but lacked the internal flame. They were inspired only by vulgar materialism.

Dupuy had come from a good and not poor family, but he had been a sailor since the age of 16 and a married man since he was 19 and hence had his own ideas of economy. So it is not strange that he booked a third class passage on the steamer for economy's sake.

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